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the country is being retarded and none but claims of great wealth can at present be worked. We hope the commission will commence operations in the West and work his way East. There is a fruitful field for him to thrust his inquisitorial sickle into here.

**THE WRATH OF NATURE.**

The number of deaths in the East from lightning's terrible strokes is increasing every year. The press dispatches received in British Columbia refer chiefly to the accidents occurring in Canada. It is only great catastrophes like that in Chicago in which eleven little chaps were sent hence at one stroke that are considered worthy of particular note by Associated Press correspondents in the United States. Single casualties are dismissed with a couple of lines, death in this form having become so common. It has been suggested that Nature is taking her revenge for the violence which has been done to her arrangements. The forests were grown, it is said, because they were necessary to the well-being of living things and for the maintenance of the balance of the elements always found under natural conditions. As thousands of acres are being denuded every year and brought under cultivation the violence of storms of all kinds is increasing. Cyclones and tornados abound, the extremes of heat and cold are becoming more marked, and the lot of the average man is not as happy as it might be. The terrible heat drives the boys to water wherever it is to be found in the desire to reduce the temperature of the blood. In many cases the change is too sudden, and cramps and death follow. Thousands of men, women and children have died, and thousands more will follow them before the summer is over, as a direct result of the high temperature. For the ordinary toilers in the large cities there is little comfort for about three months in the year. All because of an alleged violation of the arrangements of Nature. It is a terrible thing to go up against the decrees of the immutable, as many have discovered who have sinned either wilfully or through ignorance. Meantime the unfortunates who cannot flee to the seaside or to the islands of the St. Lawrence and the Great Lakes during the heated term should be advised of the fact that British Columbia is still practically as Nature made her, and it will take a considerable number of years for the hand of puny man to upset her symmetrical arrangements.

**A POSSIBLE RAPPROCHEMENT.**

Lord Pauncefoot is a sanguine man. He is confident that all the unsettled questions between Great Britain and the United States can be disposed of in short order with a little earnest effort on the part of those who are conducting negotiations. He is even sure that treaties can be negotiated between the two governments which will be satisfactory to a senate which has hitherto proved that it is not easy to please. If the British Ambassador can satisfy the necessary majority of a legislative body which has up to the present been somewhat extravagant in its demands without giving away his whole case he has not uttered the following, worthy of a Dufferin, in vain:

"They (the Americans) are the most genial people on the face of the earth. At the first grip of the hands they take you to their hearts. So long as you do not assume superiority they treat you as one of their own, and no one could say more than this."

It is a fact that there has been a change in the tone of the United States newspapers lately. It has been brought about, however, by the evidence of hostility to their country which has been given by every European power with the exception of Great Britain. There is a movement on foot on the continent to administer to the United States a dose of the protectionist medicine which that country has so freely pressing to the lips of all her competitors. Russia was the first nation to shut her gates.

Austria is preparing to act, having become alarmed at the inroads the Americans are making upon her boot and shoe trade. Other powers are being pressed to join in the movement, and there are reasons for the belief that they will not refuse. A few months ago it was a common thing to read articles in United States journals lauding Russia as the naturally ally of their country. The massacre of students by Cossacks was even defended upon the plea that the people are ignorant and the only reasoning they can understand is that which is enforced at the edge of the sword or through the persuasive eloquence of the knout. It was urged that if the Czar and his advisers were given a reasonable opportunity they would succeed in placing the masses of Russia upon as high a plane as the people of the United States now occupy. The tone has changed, but the question is how long will it remain so? Would the Speaker of the House of Representatives still think it wise and politic to cover up the Union Jack alone of all the foreign flags used for decorative purposes? The New York Times speaks in a semi-apologetic tone of the insolent message of Cleveland and the imperious demands of Olney at the time of Britain's dispute with Venezuela, contending that the ultimatum which many regard as a stock-jobbing bluff was really a peace message; as it removed forever a possible cause of strife between the United States and Great Britain and vindicated the principle of adjusting difficulties by arbitration. Unfortunately for the consistency of the United States politicians,

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they have given unmistakable proof that they are not willing to be governed by the decrees which they issue for the guidance of others. They were urged to submit the dispute with Canada as to the location of the Alaska boundary to an impartial tribunal upon precisely the same terms as they prescribed for Great Britain for the settlement of her difference with Venezuela. They say there is nothing to arbitrate. "We have willed that the boundary shall be where we have placed it, and we should like to behold the nation powerful enough to question our imperial decrees." So the matter stands at the present time. The imperative, not to say bullying, attitude of our neighbors has not tended to cordiality of relationship. If Lord Pauncefoot can persuade the men who are responsible for the policy of the United States in this matter to reconsider their position he will prove himself an ambassador worthy of the name.

**REMEMBER!**  
That All Our  
**Groceries and Provisions**  
Are Sold At  
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The Vancouver correspondent is as fertile of imagination as ever. This is the manner in which he keeps the newspaper readers informed of affairs in British Columbia:

"Two thousand Japanese fishermen gained a bloodless victory to-day over 4,000 white and Indian fishermen on the Fraser river, who are on a strike against the salmon canner. The Japanese fleet of 1,000 boats sailed out with the tide, followed by fifteen patrol boats of the strikers, whose object was to cut nets, clash boats and attack the Japanese with clubs. Scarcely had the attacking boats started when thirty Japanese patrol boats, manned by 300 Japanese, flanked the white patrol boats. Every striker's boat was followed by two of the others and every Japanese showed the muzzle of a rifle. The white strikers retired without a shot being fired, leaving the river to the Japs. Four thousand strikers met to-day to consider a course of action.

The provincial government offered a big police corps to the Japanese for their protection, but the very little brown men informed the government that it was not necessary at the present stage of the struggle."

slimy water where the cows go and drink. The water has been condemned by two prominent medical men of the city as not fit for even beast. I make this statement, Mr. Editor, knowing what I say, and I invite inspection as to whether it is true or not. I very much dislike criticizing this official, but as the issue depends so much on the report of that gentleman, any help I can offer to himself to advise the council in the matter, I feel bound to call attention to these things. Perhaps the most amusing feature of the whole thing is the attitude of Ald. Brydon in the matter. In an interview with that gentleman about two years ago on this subject, he said he considered it too many cows for a man to keep in the city. He should be out of the limits. He told another sufferer that he would do what he could to have it removed, and talked in a similar way to a third party, but in the council he talks on opposite lines and goes to excess in his statements. He says that T. Alexander was the first resident in the section. Now Ald. Brydon knows that that is not so, or else he does not know what he is talking about when he makes such a statement. Of course, Mr. Editor, I do not think such statements have any weight on the question, but it shows to what extent that gentleman will go to make a point. If Ald. Brydon was awakened at 3 o'clock, or before, in the morning, as often as I am with this nuisance, he would take another somersault back to his original position on the question. In conclusion, let me say that if we wish to make our city attractive and clean, this herding large numbers of cattle in unsightly white-washed barns and sheds on one city lot will have to be stopped.  
AARON PARFITT,  
July 17th, 1901.

**THE FUGITIVE.**  
Arthur Stringer in July Century Magazine.  
A hunted thing, through cease and cease.  
Night after night he skulked and crawled,  
To where amid dark homesteads stood  
One gloomy garden locked and walled.  
He passed his feet each step he took,  
And waited till the moon was gone;  
Then stole in by the little brook  
That still laughed down the terraced lawn.  
And up the well-known path he crept,  
And through the tangled briars tore;  
And he, who slept he sought him sleep,  
Saw his ancestral home once more.  
There song and lights were still astir,  
And by her he could see one star;  
(And he had faded so far to her)  
Who spoke with her and took her hand.  
Then back by ease and wood he crept  
While yet the dawn was cold and dim;  
And while in her white room she slept,  
'Twas his old hand crawled back with  
him.

**HOW A TOUCH OF LIGHTNING FEELS.**  
Boston Transcript.  
Mr. O. S. Harrington, a bookkeeper in the employ of the Boston & Albany railroad, was caught in the shower of Tuesday evening, and was standing on the steps of the tower of the Alston Congregational church waiting for the rain to stop, when the roof of the tower some fifty feet above him was struck by lightning, and the shingles were thrown about his feet. The bolt struck the corner at the top of the roof and followed this edge to the gutter, then jumped to the ground. His experience was of a most deafening crash—a sort of splitting noise, with intense light all about him. He was thrown backward against the door, and distinctly heard and felt the blow when the roof was hit. He did not feel any inconvenience from it beyond a headache and numbness at the time, and is now all right, except a pain in the elbow joint of his left arm and a little difficulty in using that arm. The fact that the rain which was running from the roof was blown away from the tower by the strong wind, and the lightning, following the rain, probably saved his life, but there were other paths equally good for the current to follow, any one of which would have been his "finish."

**HOT WEATHER CHIMINALS.**  
Detroit Free Press.  
Strange, but true, Hot weather produces lassitude and enervation. The appetite for roast beef, port and beans and all that sort of physical fuel goes on a vacation. There is less of a craving for the drinks that elevate the temperature and a general relaxation of energy. Yet while the dog star is holding the centre of the firmament and the annual kingdom generally is disposed to loaf, we have our worst crimes and the most of them. The passions turn loose and crime has its carnival. The papers are full of the evidence. Have the doctors diagnosed

**SPENCER'S**  
Boot and Shoe, Underwear  
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**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY**

We have invoices for nearly \$16,000.00 worth of Boots and Shoes for next season. To get our stock as low as possible before the new goods arrive we have gone through and thrown out all lines in which the assortment of sizes are broken, and all boots that have not sold as well as we would like. For quick selling we have sorted the various kinds of Boots into the least number of prices as possible. All lines advertised below are extraordinary bargains. In each lot we have from 75 to 180 pairs.

<b>Boys' Laced Boots</b> , were \$1.40 to \$1.65; sale price..... <b>90c</b>	<b>Ladies' Boots</b> One lot (90 pairs), were \$1.45, \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.75 per pair; sale price..... <b>\$1.35</b>	<b>Hosiery</b> Children's Ribbed Cotton Hose, all sizes..... <b>10c pair</b> Better quality..... <b>15c pair</b> Fancy Lisle Thread Hose— Regular 35c quality for..... <b>15c</b> Regular 50c quality for..... <b>25c</b> Regular 75c quality for..... <b>35c</b> Silk Italian Hose, regular \$1.00, for..... <b>50c</b>
<b>Boys' Buff and Calf Laced Boots</b> , were \$1.50 to \$2.00; sale price..... <b>\$1.00</b>	<b>Children's Boots</b> Children's Oil Grain Boots, well finished (220 pairs), were \$1.00, \$1.15 and \$1.25; sale price, per pair..... <b>50c</b>	<b>Boys' Blouses</b> <b>For Friday's Sale</b> One table of 50c Blouses for..... <b>25c each</b> One table of 50c Blouses for..... <b>35c each</b> One table of 65c and 75c Blouses for..... <b>50c each</b>
<b>Men's Calf, Buff and Dongola Boots</b> , were \$2.25, \$2.50 and \$3.00; sale price..... <b>\$1.50</b>	<b>Underwear And Hosiery</b> Ladies' Brown Cotton Undereests, low neck, short sleeves, sale price..... <b>5c</b> Ladies' White Ribbed Cotton Vests, short sleeves, sale price..... <b>8c</b> Ladies' Ribbed Cotton Vests, fancy front, sale price..... <b>3 for 25c</b>	<b>Men's Warm Weather Underwear</b> Ballbrigan Underwear..... <b>35c suit</b> Cotton Underwear..... <b>75c suit</b> Some Pure Wool Light Weight Underwear left from last week's sale..... <b>75c each</b>
<b>Children's Buttoned and Laced Boots</b> , all kinds in this lot, were \$1.40, \$1.65 and \$1.75 per pair; sale price..... <b>75c</b>	<b>One Silk Vest Bargain</b> 12 dozen Plain and Fancy Silk Vests, were \$1.25; sale price..... <b>75c</b>	<b>Three Bargains in Ladies' Laced Boots</b> 67 pairs of \$2.50 and \$3.00 Laced Boots, sale price, per pair..... <b>\$1.90</b> One lot of Fine American Boots, cloth tops, regular \$5.50; sale price..... <b>\$2.50</b> 55 pairs of J. D. King's best make, were \$2.50, \$3.75 and \$4.00 per pair; sale price..... <b>\$2.50</b>
<b>Children's Buttoned Boots, patent tips</b> , were \$1.65; sale price..... <b>\$1.00</b>	<b>Children's Boots</b> Children's White Cotton Vests, half sleeves, all sizes; sale price..... <b>5c each</b> Children's White Cotton Vests, long sleeves, all sizes..... <b>10c each</b> Children's Summer Weight, Pure Wool, White Ribbed Vests, all sizes; sale price..... <b>3c</b>	<b>Underwear</b> Various kinds of Children's and Infants' Vests, only one or two sizes of a kind, prices are such as will clean up all small lots.

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ENJOYABLE EXCURSION. The Trip Next Sunday Promises to be a Very Pleasant Outing.

Next Sunday's excursion to Whatcom and Fairhaven promises to be a most enjoyable event. The City of Nanaimo, which has been recently painted and overhauled, is a most suitable steamer for the service. The route selected affords a splendid view of the salmon traps and is extremely picturesque, passing close to San Juan and cruising for miles among the islands en route. Ample time will be given excursionists to view the points of interest at Whatcom, or to inspect the canneries at Fairhaven, which are the largest on the Pacific Coast.

BODLEY'S FINE SCORE. A Splendid Record of a Victorian at Bideley.

The record made by Sergt. Bodley in the Alexander Martin match at 800 yards at Bideley, already mentioned tele-



graphically, won for that marksman warm compliments. He got within the inner circle in each shot of the ten allowed. The score was as follows: 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5.

Notice.—Steamer Garland leaves for Port Angeles 5 p.m. Saturday, July 20th instant, and Sunday, July 21st.

—To wind up business the Sterling, 39 Government street, will dispose of the balance of their stock at wholesale prices.

—The funeral of the late Mrs. Drieh Gosse took place this afternoon from the family residence, 37 South Turner street, at 3 p.m.

—Weller Bros. are certainly keeping pace with the times. Their stock of Art Furniture is without comparison in British Columbia.

—Charles A. Thompson and Miss Sarah Atkins were united in marriage yesterday afternoon. Wm. Fraser acted as groomsmen, while the bride was attended by Miss S. Atkins.

—On Tuesday evening last a very enjoyable outing was held by the members of the sales department of Spencer's Arcade at Oak Bay. Refreshments were indulged in, after which games and songs, etc., whiled away the remaining hours of the evening.

—This morning in the provincial police court H. Alexander was charged with ill-treating a horse, driven by him and owned by E. Lindsay. The incident occurred in the latter part of June. The case was undertaken by the local S. P. C. A., who were represented by Mr. Barnard, instructed by Mr. Dumbleton, Lindsay Crease being otherwise engaged. The accused pleaded guilty, but in extenuation claimed that he had been urged by the owner of the animal to beat it if it got balky. He was fined \$40 or one month.

—The great Epworth League convention opened to-day in the Mechanics' pavilion, San Francisco. Many thousand delegates are in attendance, among them quite a number from Victoria, including Rev. Elliott S. Rowe, of the Metropolitan Methodist church; Rev. W. H. Barclough, of Centennial Methodist; H. J. Knott and Mrs. Knott, Miss Jones and others. Elaborate preparations for the reception of the delegates have been made by the committee in charge of that part of the programme, the railroad transportation companies are offering reduced rates and nothing interferes to give everybody a good time.

Backache, swelling of feet and ankles, puffing under eyes, frequent thirst, scanty, cloudy, highly colored urine, and all urinary troubles lead to Bright's disease, dropsy, diabetes, etc. Doan's Kidney Pills are a sure cure.

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New Dredge To Work Here Dominion Government Grant Its Use to Fill James Bay Flats. Saving of \$36,000 Effected for the City by Mr. Tarte's Action.

Some time ago Senator Templeman took up the question of the dredging of the harbor and the declaration of the James Bay mud flats with the department of public works at Ottawa with a view to securing the use of the new Dominion government dredge, now being constructed at New Westminster, for that purpose.

The following letter received last night is the outcome of the correspondence which has passed between Hon. J. Israel Tarte and Senator Templeman on the subject:

Ottawa, July 11. Hon. Senator Templeman, Victoria, B. C.: My Dear Senator—Your letter of June 29th, re dredging the mud from Victoria harbor and placing it on tidal flats, has come to hand.

After consultation with my officers, and especially with Mr. Roy, I have come to the conclusion that I could give you the use of the dredge for three months. If our expectations are realized, she will do more work in those three months than the Mud-lark could do in two years.

THE IMMENSE SAVING WHICH will be effected to this city by this arrangement will be evident when the computation of City Engineer C. H. Topp is taken into consideration. Mr. Topp estimates that it will require 200,000 square yards of earth to fill the flats. A proposition was received from the Seattle dredging firm which submitted estimates on the contract to handle the earth for 18 cents a square yard. On this basis the transfer of the mud on the flats will amount to \$36,000.

THE BACKACHE STAGE may be just that incident form of kidney disease which, if neglected, will develop into stubborn and distressing disorder that will take long tedious treatment to cure. Don't neglect the "backache stage" of the most insidious of diseases. South American Kidney Cure stops the pain in six hours and cures. Sold by Deane & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.—30.

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Clearance Sale Continued The Sterling, 39 Government Street The balance of our well-assorted stock of general DRY GOODS must be disposed of. To accomplish this we have determined to retail all our stock at WHOLESALE PRICES Remember Our New Store Opposite Erskine, Wall & Co. 39 GOVERNMENT STREET.

THE GRAND DUKE The Latest in HATS AT PHILLIPS, Men's Furnishings and Hats. 104 Government Street.

WEATHER BULLETIN. Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, July 18.—5 a. m.—There are indications of a low barometer area off the Coast which is likely to cross this province and cause showers west of the Cascade range. The weather has been fair and moderately warm throughout the Pacific slope, while east of the Rockies thunderstorms have occurred at Edmonton, Qu'Appelle and Minnesota.

Forecasts. For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Friday, Victoria and vicinity—Moderate southerly winds, becoming unsettled, with showers, chiefly at night.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, unsettled, with occasional showers.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 54; minimum, 54; wind, 4 miles S. E.; sea, fair, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, 56; minimum, 52; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, 52; minimum, 50; wind, 6 miles S.; weather, clear.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF. Try new White Label Blue Ribbon Tea.

Opposition steamer "Resalie" sails for Seattle, daily, except Saturday, at 7.30 p. m.

You will find it in the B. O. Guide; 5c per copy, 50c per year, in all book stores in K. C.

The fire department had a run to a grass fire on Simcoe street yesterday afternoon. While en route the wheel of the hose reel dished as it struck the hollow of the road at the end of James Bay bridge, and eight men were thrown to the road, several sprained his wrist and sprinkling his ankle.

TELEPHONE 700 For Pure Drugs, Chemicals and Toilet Articles. We are always at your service, and all orders will be delivered promptly to any part of the city free. Let us fill your prescription with pure drugs. Note address: F. W. FAWCETT & CO., Chemists, 49 Government St.

On Saturday next the annual excursion of St. Barnabas will take place to Saanichton. The use of the agricultural hall has been obtained for the occasion. Special trains will leave the Y. & S. depot at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., returning at 6.20 p. m. The sports will be numerous and varied, including croquet, cricket, coconut throwing, etc., besides which a cricket match will be played between St. Barnabas parish and Rev. F. G. Christmas's eleven. Refreshments, including ice cream and candies, will be served.

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Provincial News

ROSSLAND. Fire did \$1,500 damage in the Bally block on Columbia avenue, last night. The building was damaged to the extent of several hundred dollars; the balance of the loss was a stock of millinery carried by Miss Pretty, and was fairly well insured.

REVELSTOCK. The hospital trustees have failed to agree as to a site, pending their choice of which no further progress will be made. An attempt is to be made to secure a free site from the C. P. R. The recent concert given here in aid of the striking railway truckmen realized \$140.70 net.

NELSON. A meeting of the board of school trustees and school committee of the city council, was held in the city hall on Saturday evening for the purpose of considering the competitive plans of the architects of the city for the erection of the high school, which it is proposed to erect in block 49. Plans were submitted by Alexander Carrie, A. A. Evans, Messrs. Cane and McDonald, G. D. Curtis and F. Fordie, and each of the architects was given a chance to appear before the committee and explain the plans submitted by himself. As the requirements of the school board called for a building which could be put up for \$10,000, the plans were all more or less alike, so that the members of the committee had very little room for choice. After the several architects had been heard and retired, the committee took up their work, and it was decided to take a vote upon the several plans before them. The result of the voting shows that the Carrie plans were almost the unanimous choice for first place.

NANAIMO. Cut worms were found in Halliburton street garden yesterday. The worms in hundreds of thousands were around the roots of a promising looking potato crop. The owner of the garden made every effort to destroy the worms and succeeded well. The discovery of these pests in such numbers made local horticulturists and market gardeners uneasy.

Messrs. W. Sloan, W. Hunter and W. Scoville have returned from a visit to the mountains beyond the Nanaimo lakes. The party, according to the Nanaimo Free Press, went to the Natural Granite bridge, about ten miles from the lakes. They also visited the Elk Horn Creek valley, and saw the place where the Allan Brothers and W. Randle had done some work about 15 years ago. Their names being plainly seen cut into a tree. They also saw where Rowbottom and others had sunk a shaft some 15 feet deep, and did some other prospecting work. On a small river close to the Rocky river, the mouths not being a quarter of a mile apart, the party discovered a magnificent fall of water. The falls are about 30 feet in height, and picturesque in the extreme. The fishing was very good, and game could be seen in abundance. The party will leave for Great Central Lake, Alberni, within a week or two.

VANCOUVER. The Jap who was taken to the police station on Monday night, apparently in a condition of insanity, was committed to the asylum on Tuesday, after examination by the doctors.

In the police court on Tuesday the Ed. Gold cases against several licensed houses were brought up. Two minor cases were dismissed, but the majority were laid over till Thursday, when it is expected that the complaints will be represented by counsel.

At a special meeting of the Vancouver Board of Trade, held last night to consider the assay office question, G. R. Maxwell, M. P., was present and addressed the board, assuring the assay office would be ready for business in a few days, part of the plant having already arrived and the rest of it being near Vancouver en route. The board decided by resolution to apply the funds raised locally for assay office purposes in the manner originally intended until the Dominion assay office is ready for business. They further decided to thank the provincial government for their offer, through Hon. Mr. McBride, to establish a provincial assay office here, but to explain that they thought it would be unwise to disturb the existing state of affairs. The following resolution was wired to Hon. C. Sifton: "This board is much gratified to learn that the Dominion government has decided to locate its purchasing assay office in Vancouver, and is pleased to note that the plan for the same is every confident that such good to the city and province will result from its operation."

A large and influential meeting of citizens was held in the council chamber at the city hall on Tuesday evening for the purpose of taking active steps in respect of the reception to be tendered to their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York upon their intended visit to Vancouver. The Royal party will arrive in the city at 11 o'clock in the morning, and will remain here all the afternoon and evening, leaving for Victoria some time during the night. His Worship reported that the government engineer had informed him that the new drill hall would be formally opened by the Duke and Duchess of York, also that Colonel Worsnop had shown him the militia order stating that the medals to the South African volunteers would be presented at the Vancouver drill hall by the Duke of York. This was the first official notification that had been received that these matters had been definitely decided upon. On motion it was decided to authorize the chairman to apply to the city council to place an appropriation of \$5,000 at the use of the finance committee.

The city will, in all probability, have to buy a site for the library if it would take advantage of the offer of Mr. Carnegie. This was the announcement made at the meeting by Mayor Townsend. He said that he and Ald. Neelands and the city solicitor had conferred with Mr. Marpole, but had been unable to arrange the matter with him. They were to have another meeting, but the mayor did not hope for satisfactory results, and asked that a by-law be got ready to put before the people to authorize the raising of money to buy the lot.

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Scaled tenders, endorsed and addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to Monday, the 22nd inst., at 3 o'clock p. m., for Rubble and Cut Stone per cubic yard of Granite and Sandstone, delivered on scoops or on land, where required, at James Bay Mud Flats and Point Ellice Bridge; also for quantity of clean, sharp Sand and Beach Gravel per cubic yard, and Piles per lineal foot.

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The lowest of any tender not necessarily accepted.  
WM. W. NORTHCOTT,  
Purchasing Agent for the Corporation of the City of Victoria,  
City Hall, Victoria, B.C., July 18th, 1901.

### To Painters

Scaled bids, endorsed "Tenders for Painting and Glazing," will be received at the office of the undersigned up to Monday, the 22nd inst., at 3 p. m., for painting and glazing at the Agricultural Hall. The main building, chicken house, new hand stand, new office building, front fence and gates to be all done as per specification, to be seen at the office of the undersigned.  
WM. W. NORTHCOTT,  
Building Inspector,  
City Hall, 12th July, 1901.

### Tenders For Building

An iron and brass foundry, 75 feet by 60 feet, addition to Marine Iron Works, will be received to July 24th. Plans to be seen at the Works, Pembroke street.  
ANDREW GRAY.

### RESERVE

Notice is hereby given that all the unappropriated Crown lands situated within the boundaries of the following areas are hereby reserved from pre-emption, sale, or other disposition, excepting under the provisions of the mining laws of the Province, for two years from the date hereof, pursuant to the provisions of sub-section (5) of section 41 of the "Land Act," as amended by section 6 of the "Land Act Amendment Act, 1897," to enable the British Columbia Power Company, Limited, to select therefrom timber limits for wood pulp and paper manufacturing purposes, pursuant to an agreement bearing date the 15th day of June, 1899, viz:—

- Area 1.—All the surveyed land on both sides of Kingcome Inlet and Bond Sound.
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  - Area 4.—Commencing on Wakeman Sound at the southwest corner of Lot 61; thence west on the 51st parallel of latitude to a point north of Embury Lagoon; thence south to mid-lagoon; thence south westerly following the passage between Kinalak Island and Pandora Head to Mills Passage; thence to Queen Charlotte Sound; thence southeasterly along the shore of Noel Channel, and easterly along the centre of File Sound to Village Point; thence north westerly to the north of Trivet Island to the mouth of Kingcome Inlet; thence north along the west shore of Wakeman Sound to the point of commencement.
  - Area 5.—Consisting of Harbiedoun and Turner Islands.
- W. S. GORE,  
Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works,  
Lands and Works Department,  
Victoria, B. C., 22nd June, 1901.

### NOTICE

All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company within that tract of land bounded by the south by the boundary of Comox District, on the East by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 50th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the B. & N. Railway Land Grant.  
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**Nome Bound Travellers Lived for a Time on One Meal a Day.**

**The Steamer Portland Ploughed Through Ice Floes on Way to St. Michaels.**

Seattle, July 18.—The steamer Portland had arrived in port early today bringing news of awful ice fields and a great congestion of people at St. Michael, which was relieved by her arrival at the mouth of the Yukon, followed by other craft.

The Portland took two weeks to reach St. Michael from Nome. She ploughed through vast ice floes and on June 24th was within eight miles of St. Michael only to get to sea again. The report from St. Michael was to the effect that 1,500 Yukon men and women had laid at that port for three weeks waiting for the first steamer. So scarce did provisions become that they were living for a time on one meal a day.

There is a great rush down the Yukon from as far up as Dawson for Nome. A big ferry business will be done during the summer between these ports. The Portland took 400 passengers from St. Michael to Nome.

The five steamer City of Paris was carried out from the mouth of the Yukon by the ice floe and was lost for a time in Behring Sea. The steamships Portland and Dora went out after her but she finally managed to put back under her own steam, making port on June 26th.



**NEW SHIPPING REGISTRAR.**

It is announced on the Sound that Dr. Meade, Dominion customs inspector at White Horse, has been appointed registrar of shipping on the Yukon river. This arrangement will require all shippers to take out licenses and put up bond for all goods shipped through to Dawson, either by scow or any other unregistered vessel.

During June and July liquors may be taken to Dawson and in bond to the American ports on the Yukon, provided a liquor permit can be provided satisfactory to the police.

The clause in the new regulation reads: "Registered vessels and scows, built in Canada, may take bonded goods at a Canadian port on the Yukon river and transport the same to another Canadian port or to a foreign port on the Yukon river under special customs manifests, in such forms, and subject to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the minister of customs."

**RATES TO BE ADVANCED.**

Local agents of the steamers plying between Victoria and the cities of the Sound were advised yesterday to discontinue selling round-trip tickets, the significance of which is taken to mean that rates are to be shortly advanced. It is believed that the expected increase will be made on Sunday, although no intimation of such was contained in the instructions received by the agents. An advance in the rates has been spoken of for a week or more as a result of a combine of interests effected at a meeting of the rival companies in Seattle last week. The companies have been waging a bitter fight for over a year, and the extremely low passenger rates of 25 and 50 cents charged on the different steamers has had the result of bringing thousands of strangers to this city.

**SMALL FLEET IN PORT.**

With the sailing of the Pottalock for Portland, the schooner Lazon for Santa Rosalia and the Highlands for South Africa, it is expected by tomorrow evening few merchantmen will have been left in British Columbia waters. The fleet remaining are the Danish bark Sixtus and the American ship St. Francis at Chemainus, the Italian bark Clavon at Vancouver, the Low Wood receiving extensive repairs at Esquimalt and the Blythwood waiting in the Roads to load salmon to this or some other port.

**MARINE BRIEFS.**

The Alaska Steamship Company's steamer Rosalie, leaving her to-morrow evening, will go through as usual to Tacoma. Returning to Victoria to-morrow she will leave Seattle at midnight, instead of at 8 a.m., arriving back here at 7 a.m. on Sunday.

The Charmer's sailing time from Vancouver today was 1.25 o'clock. She will not connect with the train from the East, as the latter is 12 hours late.

The Islander is due today from Skagway.

There are rarely more than five Field Marshals in the British army.

**Fire in the Basement**

Lively Time at Westside, on Government and Fort Streets, This Morning.

Brigade Had to Fight Through Smoke Before Success Crowned Their Efforts.

The fire department had a big job on hand this morning. They were confronted with one of the most difficult situations known to the fire-fight, and their success is an excellent commentary on their indefatigable industry and almost superhuman efforts.

The alarm was rung in from box 23, corner of Government and Fort streets, being preceded by a telephone message. The department made good time to the scene, the apparatus consisting of the engine, chemical hose wagon, from the central headquarters, and the hose wagon from the James Bay hall.

There was no difficulty in ascertaining where the fire was when the brigade arrived, for volumes of smoke were escaping from the ventilators of the basement on the Fort street side of the West side. The more difficult matter would have been to locate the exact spot of the fire and how far it had spread. The chief went to the scene, and was met by the fire-fighters, some of whom were already working on the structure. He was met by a fire-fight, as it were, as he went to the spot.

Two lines of hose were laid; one from the hydrant on the corner of Fort and Government streets, and the other from the corner of Langley and Fort. The pressure was splendid, and gradually the flames were confined to one particular spot in the centre of the basement.

The material on fire consisted of old rubbish, which made an exceptionally dense smoke. This continued to pour out of the ventilators and entrance, almost smothering the firemen who were inside with the hose.

The basement of this building is divided into a number of compartments. Of these there is one adjacent to Fort street, in which there was a large quantity of goods. This was separated from the main room by a brick and stone wall.

Access to either room was gained through a small hall leading from the Fort street entrance, down which the draught forced the smoke in great volume. Fortunately the fire broke out in the main room, or a large quantity of stock would have been destroyed. As it is the smoke escaping through the floor to the store above caused a great deal of damage.

It was not a spectacular fire. Spectators could not see any flames, which had been extinguished by the time they reached the scene, but it was one of those insidious, concealed blazes from which the greatest danger is to be feared. After an hour and a half's persistent fighting with water, the fire was extinguished. It had been confined to the basement throughout, a very fortunate fact, or the brigade would have had a much greater task before them.

A large crowd congregated and persisted in encroaching on the sidewalk in the vicinity of the ventilators, which hampered the men considerably. It will be some time before the extent of the damage is accurately gauged. Some of the directors place it between \$25,000 and \$50,000. This appears a very large figure, but it should be remembered that the smoke from below caused the greater portion of the damage in the store. According to the management there is very little of the stock which has not been more or less damaged. The insurance totals about \$50,000, divided among a large number of companies.

A meeting of the directors and board of fire underwriters was held this morning. The companies will entail the services of Mr. Holtman, the adjuster, who is on the Sound, and if a satisfactory settlement cannot be made through this agency an appraiser will be called in.

Two men were detained by the chief to watch the place throughout the day to guard against a recurrence of the fire. The cause has not been definitely ascertained. It broke out after the store was opened and it probably had been smouldering for quite a while. A gas jet is usually lighted in the basement to afford light for those whose work takes them there, and the origin of the fire might be traced to this. The store is closed to-day and the employees have a holiday in consequence.

The firemen were a sorry looking lot when they returned to the headquarters this morning after the fire. Wet, tired and undeniably dirty, they had every appearance of men who had gone through a hard struggle. Some of them went to the fire in clothes more adapted to recreation than fire fighting, and when they returned the transformation was remarkable. This is an indubitable argument in favor of providing the men with oil coats of some sort. Only a few have them, and it is a hardship to expect them to undergo all sorts of exertions in their own gear. Had the members of the city council undertaken to enter that basement this morning during the time the smoke was so dense that it was impossible to see more than a foot, they would realize that a straw hat and other equally inappropriate apparel would be out of place there.

This is the first large blaze requiring the services of the department since the new chief took hold, and the brigade acquitted itself most creditably. He had plenty of reserve equipment at his command and did not even bring into requisition the engine, as the water pressure was entirely adequate without it.

The police force were well represented this morning, and a couple of constables, like grim sentinels, stood at the entrance of the building and permitted none but employees, firemen and the dignitaries to enter.

This very corner has been the scene of a couple of disastrous fires. One occurred many years ago, when Mr. Kiew's boomer was conducted there, and another later in Hastie & Eiskine's establishment.

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**Personal.**  
A party of tourists from the Sound, comprising Miss Emma W. Hill, Mrs. C. A. Seale, Marjorie Sayre, Mrs. Geo. M. Smart, and Mrs. Martha M. Smart, accompanied by Mrs. H. A. Tilton, of Tacoma, who is accompanied by her family, are in the city, guests at the Dominion hotel. This morning they went for a trip up the Gorge, and will, during their stay here, take in the different sights.

**Personal.**  
M. S. Rogers, wife and two sons are in the city, guests at the Victoria hotel. Mr. Rogers is interested in mining in the North, and will leave, accompanied by his wife and family, for the Skeena river, where he has some properties. Late reports from his mine on the Skeena are very favorable. Twelve men are at work, and the ore is showing up well.

**Personal.**  
Detective Pedne has gone to Vancouver, having been subpoenaed to give evidence in the Bled case instituted by ex-Chief of Police Stewart, of the Terminal City, against the Province. The case is one in which the defendant is accused of defamation of character.

**Personal.**  
Capt. Troup, of the C. P. N. Co., E. E. Welch, manager of the B. C. Cattle Co. and W. C. Morsey were passengers from Vancouver last evening by the steamer Charmer.

**Personal.**  
H. L. Newman, wife and child, who have been spending the last six weeks in this city, will leave to-night by the City of Puebla for San Francisco.

**Personal.**  
G. T. Porter, representative of the Armour Packing Company, will spend the week in the city. He is a guest at the Victoria hotel.

**Personal.**  
F. O. Gilman and bride, of Seattle, are spending some days of their honeymoon in this city, guests at the Dominion hotel.

**Personal.**  
Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Hooper, of St. Catharines, Ont., are spending a few days in the city, guests at the Strand hotel.

**Personal.**  
Murray McFarlane, M. D., a well known physician, of Toronto, is in the city, a guest at the Dominion hotel.

**Personal.**  
Sergeant John Hewart and wife, after spending their vacation in California, returned yesterday.

**Personal.**  
H. M. Burnett, representing the Cortez Mill Company, is a guest at the Vernon hotel.

**Personal.**  
F. W. Graham, travelling freight agent of the Great Northern, is at the Victoria hotel.

**Personal.**  
H. A. Wells, buyer for the Ladeau Y. T. Company, is a guest at the Dominion hotel.

**Personal.**  
A Magnusson arrived from the Sound yesterday on the steamer Rossie.

**Personal.**  
Dr. S. L. Walton, of San Jose, Cal., is a guest at the Strand hotel.

**Personal.**  
Capt. Olsen, of South Bend, is staying at the Victoria hotel.

**LEGAL NEWS.**  
Supreme Court, Case—County Court in Session Before Mr. Justice Drake.

A Supreme court case is being heard by Mr. Justice Irving today, that of Bryce v. Jenkins and Levy. The case is in dispute arises out of the sale of land, rival claimants in the purchase appearing. Mason & Bradburn for plaintiff; F. McL. Young for Jenkins, and F. Higgins for Levy.

County court opened this morning at 11 o'clock, with Mr. Justice Drake presiding. The following cases have been disposed of: McKeon v. Carthew et al.—A case arising out of the endorsing of a promissory note and the subsequent dishonoring of it by some of the parties. Judgment was given against Carthew, further judgment being reserved. H. Robertson for plaintiff; A. D. Orvasse for defendant.

Evel v. McKoon was a horse case in which the plaintiff claimed that the defendant had sold him a horse under false representations. The plaintiff returned the horse, but was refused a refund of the price. The case was adjourned until to-morrow. F. McKeon for plaintiff; A. G. Anderson for defendant.

Allers v. Moody has been laid over till next court, by consent.

Kwong Hug v. Shaw also stands over till next court.

Mathewson v. West & West has been withdrawn.

This afternoon the case of C. T. Dally & Co. v. B. C. Market Company, Limited, is being heard. The action is taken by a Chicago firm, who provided a silver cabinet for the office of the Strand hotel, to collect from the B. C. Market Company for a card inserted in this cabinet, and which the plaintiff company claim to have had a contract for using. The defendants in the case take exception to the character of the cabinet, claiming that it was misrepresented to them by the representative of the Daily Company. W. Moresby for plaintiff; Daily & Crease for defendant.

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